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## <u>Preface</u>

I thought of writing and publishing a book, as this is my very first book. Even though I have written many books, none of them have been typed yet. I got this idea of writing Haunted carnival when I was spending my leisure time. I thought that was enough, but I wanted it to be popular. Hence I asked my cousin-brother, Inesh Palihapitiya, to correct this story. He told me to add more exciting parts to this story, and checked and corrected my grammar. Finally, here's a brief intro for the Haunted Carnival.

It's a haunted story. Are you brave enough to read it? It's for anybody who likes to read thrillers.

Vinuja Nandasena

Mother, Father, sister and my grandparents who keeps me feeling Big Hero 6 including me.

## 1. Three friends

nce upon a time, there were three friends. They went to the same school. They were all 14 years old and attended the same class.

The first guy was Charlie. He was a scaredy-cat. Since his birth, he has enjoyed rock music. He had a fair skin tone. His eyes were brown, and his curly hair was brown.

The second guy was Andy. He had spiked hair. Sometimes he was a maniac. Once, he said there is a 50% risk of an accident doing a bungee jump at a bungee jumping event, and the person doing the jump got injured.

Lastly, there was Betty. She had long, straight hair and was a cheerful person. However, she gets annoyed at times.

One day, these three friends were going to get their bicycles from the school vehicle park. Betty started the conversation.

"Hem-hem. Guys, there's a year-end carnival in our area. Can you come?"

"Of course," said Andy and Charlie.

"But...." said, Betty

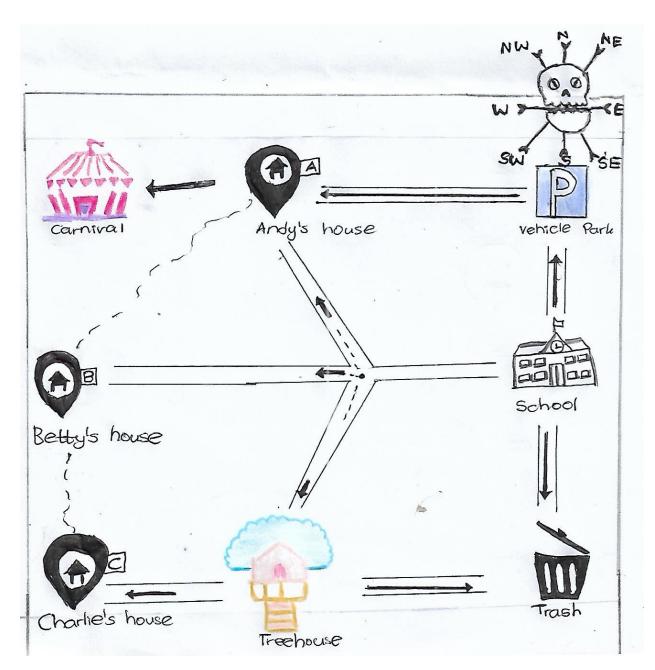
"What's the matter?" asked Charlie.

"We should take permission from our parents," said Betty.

"Yes, that's correct," said Andy.

"We'll meet at our treehouse to plan what we are going to do in the carnival if we get permission." "Ok", said Andy and Charlie.

They got on to their bicycles and rode straight to their houses.



\*This is the map.

## 2. Getting permission

Betty's mother was a chef, and her father was a scientist. Betty knew her mother was making a new food using a new recipe while her father was inventing a thing as usual. Betty asked her mother for permission. Her mother said, "Ask your father". Betty went upstairs, knocked on the door of her father's room, and went inside. Betty asked her father whether she could go to the carnival, and her father gave permission.

Andy's mother was a fashion designer, and his father was a drum player. Andy knew, at that moment, his father was playing the drum set, and his mother was making a costume for Andy. He went and asked his father for permission. His father said, "Ask your mother". Andy asked his mother for permission and she permitted him to go to the carnival.

Charlie's mother was an artist, and his father was a rock singer. Their house was single storey house. His mother was drawing a painting while his father was singing. Charlie went into the rock music room where his father stayed.

"Father, may I come in?" Charlie asked timidly.

No answer.

"FATHER, MAY I COME IN," Charlie asked loudly.

"Whoever you are, don't disturb me." said his father. He did not realize that the son was talking to him.

His father was singing "Hotel California".

Poor Charlie, how can he ask from his father? He sat down. He leaned back to the door. Suddenly, a paper fell from above.

"What's this?" wondered Charlie.

It was the rock music rules paper

The paper was about the kiss, a popular band...

- 1. Don't yell at the door.
- 2. Get the appointments to come and meet rock king. (Charlie's Father).
- 3. Tell the password to enter.
- 4. If you want to give me a meal there's a small door at the bottom of the large door. (Like a

"Kiss," Charlie yelled to get his father's attention.

The door opened. Father stood there amazed.

"Sorry, son!" he said.

Charlie told his father about the carnival. His father thought about it for a moment.

Finally, he allowed Charlie to go.

Charlie left his father's room (also known as the rock music room), happily humming some music. Charlie's mother was coming outside from her room after finishing her painting. They almost collided with each other. His mother asked him, "Why are you happy, my son?" He said, "I got permission to go to the carnival."

#### 3. Bucket lists

he trio met in the treehouse. They haven't used it for a long time. So they started with cleaning.

After they settled on their comfy seats.

"Parents gave the permission" trio said at once. Then, they got some papers and pens from the stationery deck and the trio wrote their own bucket lists. After a while the trio showed what they want to do.

This is Andy's bucket list

Ferris wheel

Spooky castle

Merry-go-round

VR games (Video games)

This is Betty's bucket list...

Ferris wheel

Dancing events

Merry-go-round

Cooking tests

This is Charlie's bucket list.

Ferris wheel
Merry-go-round
Rock music contest
3D Film

## 4. So weird

They went to the carnival at 7:00 p.m., carrying three bags containing the following:

- 1. A water bottle
- 2. Some snacks
- 3. Some cash
- 4. A phone

So weird. The decorations of the carnival looked like Halloween decorations.

"Let's go away from this spooky place. I just remembered a warning. Don't stay outside when dark falls. Because evil activates during that time " said Charlie timidly. "Let's go inside, don't be a coward," said Andy and Betty. They Ran towards the gate.

"Wait until I come," said Charlie while running and panting. So weird. The Halloween decorations were there, inside the carnival too. Andy and Betty went after getting tickets from a man at the entrance. Charlie was there, not making a single movement.

"So weird," said Charlie looking at the man who was giving tickets at the entrance wearing a skull.

"Uncle, why is this carnival decorated for Halloween?"

"I don't know," said the man.

"By the way... Uncle your mask is very realistic. It's great" said Charlie and went a few steps.

"It's not a mask, kid" said the man

"Hey uncle, did you just say something?" asked Charlie "No, nothing."

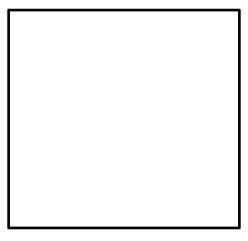
After getting his ticket, Charlie joined Andy and Betty,

"So weird," said Charlie focusing his eyes on the abnormal man whose mask looks like a real skull. "Was it not a mask?" Charlie pondered. So weird. There were snowmen, statues of werewolves, pumpkin heads, and other decorations that seemed to be looking at you menacingly. So weird. These three companions were the only ones who were there as visitors. Nobody else had come to this carnival, because the place was scary enough to kill. So weird. Is this a trick to reduce the number of visitors coming to this carnival? They thought simultaneously. All three of them suddenly felt a headache and fell down unconscious.

After a few moments later, they regained consciousness and amazed to see where they stood. The Ferris wheel...

It seem to be waiting them to play with it.

Write down how many times I wrote "So Weird" in this box.



## 5. Accidents

They went to the Ferris wheel after paying money for it. The wheel slowly rotated first as usual.

"Boring," said Charlie.



"Rotate faster!!!!" Andy begged.

Suddenly, the wind blew so fast. The man in the control room quickly tried to slow down the Ferris wheel, but the wind was strong enough to rip the Ferris

wheel off its hinges and roll it on the road like a car tire. The three friends shrieked in terror. They fell from the wheel and lost consciousness. They saw some statues of the carnival wandering, but they thought it was only a dream.

They went to the merry-go-round after paying money. Betty warned Andy, telling him not to say something stupid.

Suddenly, a man appeared in front of Andy. "Who are you?" Andy asked the man's name.

"I'm the ghost-man," said the man. Now only Andy recognized him. He was the man at the entrance that gave tickets.

"Ticket seller, you're a good joker. Tell me another joke. Hahahahaha. But how can you prove it?" asked Andy while laughing.

Then the man pulled out his eyes, burned them with his fiery hands, and placed them back in his eye sockets. Andy's laugh faded.



"Now can you believe it, boy?" said the ghost-man.

Andy shrieked in terror and showed the ghost-man to his friends. They screamed louder than Andy.

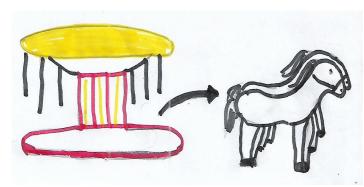
A stranger approached Charlie, smiling at him. So Charlie asked his name.



"I'm the joker\*. I can kill anyone with a simple joke. Do you want to hear it?" said the man laughing maniacally.

\* This is not the joker from DC comics. (The joker in this book preferred to be called a joker, although he is a clown)

They all screamed together and tried to get off their ride and run. However, their seatbelts were locked around them. Usually, there weren't belts. Suddenly the horses in the merry-go-round jumped



off the platform and ran on the road while neighing in an evil way like they were real horses, with the three friends on their backs. The ghost-man and joker jumped on two horses and went after the friends. The horses pitched the trio off their backs. The friends fell and lost consciousness and saw the ghost-man and the joker vanish. Unfortunately, they were not gone forever.

Andy went to the spooky castle though he knew there were ghosts. He saw some bats flying over the haunted castle. He tried to open the gate. Before he could, the gate opened automatically and let a foul odour released. The goblin gargoyles on



the top of the gate posts and lanterns hanged below them made Andy so frightened. Suddenly the gargoyles' fiery eyes were opened and lanterns lit automatically. Frightened Andy ran screaming along the road that led to the entrance. On both sides of the road, there were lots of tombs and creepy trees that swaying.

He went inside the castle and then a shadow passed Andy. Andy turned back to see whose shadow it was

and saw a man. The man's face was pale. Andy had seen him in the movie named "Dracula".

He came and grabbed Andy's neck and tried to suck blood, but Andy managed to escape Dracula's grip by punching his

face. Dracula released Andy and staggered backward. Dracula flew away as a bat.

Andy ran along the halls to find the exit. Then someone tapped his spine and disappeared. Andy turned back to find who did this. When he saw there wasn't anything/anyone, he turned forwards. Then he screamed because he saw a ghost.



The ghost went around Andy and scared him by moaning loudly. Andy ran without looking back and he fell into a dark basement. DARKER than the darkest dark ever.

His hand knocked on a chord. He pulled it. A chandelier, which is so dusty with

spider webs, switched on and he heard an evil shout for a brief moment. He turned behind and saw a poster of a zombie.

Andy. The zombie collided with a person who Andy just now identified as the Joker. He accidentally knocked the zombie into another room. The Joker chased Andy yelling, "WANT TO HEAR MY JOKE THAT LED TO DEATH?" Andy closed his ears and ran towards the exit he had just seen. He opened the door by slamming into it and ran out of the door. He



Accidentally collided with his friends, who came running from a far distance.

## 6. Troublesome events

That happened to you guys?" asked Andy curiously to know about troublesome events Betty and Charlie faced.

"I went to cooking test. It was totally ruined when the judge of the test arrived. He is a demon. "said Betty in a weary voice.

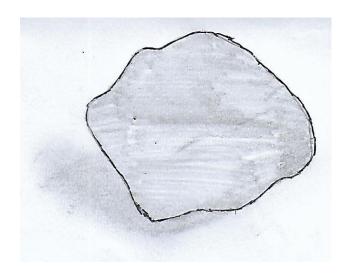
"I was watching Goosebumps 1 (3D). It was 3D and its werewolf jumped out of the screen" Said Charlie.

"What about you?" asked Charlie and Betty?

"I went to a haunted mansion. There were Dracula, Joker, Zombie and some scary ghosts." said Andy

"There... Catch those rascals" cried out a cyclops chasing after them.

They ran, without turning their heads back, to the exit gate. A squad of zombies, led by their king, marched after them. Furthermore, snowmen came roaring, toy airplanes flew after them, werewolves chased them, and the Joker came behind them, riding a bike and laughing loudly. They were distracted by the eerie laugh and glanced behind. Therefore the three companions didn't see the boulder rock that appeared in front of them and collided with it and blacked out.



## 7. Trapped

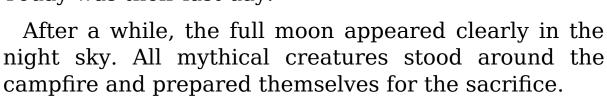
THe friends were tied to some trees like this.

There was a campfire near them. Andy was listening to the zombies that were talking about them.

"When should we start the sacrifice?" asked a zombie.

"We should wait until the full moon appears and all mythical creatures have joined with us." said a zombie. He seemed to be the king of the zombies since he was wearing a crown made of bones.

"We're going to be sacrificed," said Andy in a scared voice. They were terrified now. Today was their last day.





"Hem-hem... Let me tell you something" requested Charlie.

"What?" asked werewolf

"May I tell you my last wish?"

"Yes!" werewolf said in an eagerly voice.

"No time for it, dude." Said the King Zombie

"Ready to the sacrifice...." zombie king said.

# \*Spell and the campfire (Second part of the chapter Trapped)

Spell:-

'Dios ven aquí

Tenemos presas para ti

Esta noche cuando aparezca la Luna llena estas presas serán tuyas.'

(Written in Spanish)

Meaning:-

'God come here

We have prey for you

Tonight when the full moon appears these prey will be yours.'

"Now we need flesh and blood of our enemies" said the king.

## 8. How they escaped

While the monsters were chanting, the three mates made different escape plans.

Andy: Distract them and say, "Can we go now?"

Betty: get a knife, cut the ropes and run.

Charlie did not have a plan yet. After a while, Charlie forwarded his plan to his friends.

Charlie: Cut the ropes with my guitar necklace made out of iron and run.

That was a good way to escape, they thought. Then they sneakily cut the ropes



and freed themselves. They were about to run when the monsters came toward the trio.

"Boo....ha....ha ha...ha..."

The monsters were ready to get blood and flesh from three friends for the sacrifice.

Dracula said to Andy, "You punched me in my face. It hurt me a lot. Now you'll pay for it!"

Andy laughed mildly.

"I'm SERIOUS!" Dracula screamed in rage.

Andy stopped laughing as Dracula squeezed his neck and tried to suck blood and pour blood on the bonfire.

"Williams never LOSE!!" Andy gasped and kicked Dracula's stomach. Dracula collapsed, clutching his stomach. Another KO!

"Your surname is William? You never said that before to us." Betty and Charlie asked.

"Yes," Andy said.

"But, can you escape from me, uh?" said joker.

"Oh no...Joker wants a KO from invincible Andy... " Andy murmured.

"Don't worry. I'll take care of him," said Charlie bravely stopping Andy.

Joker charged at him with a dagger. "Charlie, do you dare to fight the joker?"

"I'm not afraid anymore," said Charlie. He got his iron guitar necklace and stabbed the joker's neck.

"You came to collect my blood, but now you have spilled your blood, foolish joker," smirked Charlie.

Then an unknown person appeared.

"Am I late?" it asked sarcastically.

"I know him. He gave us tickets to this carnival. And I know there's the haunted chef is there behind him." Betty said.

The haunted chef tried to poison Betty and ticket selling man tried to stab Andy with a sharp iron ticket. Andy, are you ready for another KO?



"Williams never LOSE!!" Andy shouted again.

The ticket-seller ghost threw an iron ticket at Andy. Andy ducked.

"You missed, foolish ghost," taunted Williams Jr. Then the ticket-seller charged at Andy, but Andy managed to trip the ghost-man and kick his butt.

"This isn't working we should surround them and attack. We outnumber them." said the werewolf, who was the leader of this team. The injured monsters got up again while the reinforcements arrived. The trio tried to run away, but the army of monsters had them surrounded. The ghost-man ignited his palms and said, "I'll have my revenge". Then all the beasts charged at the trio. Things were very bleak for the three companions. Suddenly, a cloud blew toward the moon and covered it. Then mythical creatures turned into statues again.

"Maybe the creatures turn into statues while the moon isn't there and return to life when the full moon appears," said Betty looking at the sky.

"Yes, I've seen it in movies and books," said Andy.

"Goodbye, you foul beasts," Charlie said to the statues while making obnoxious face at the statues. Then glancing at his friends, "That was a close call, wasn't it? Let's close the gate just to be safe". Andy and Betty muttered their agreement. The three mates ran and closed the gate. The gate of the carnival closed making a creaky sound.

"Thank you, Charlie, your plan was great," said Andy and Betty.

"You're welcome. We are friends, aren't we?" said Charlie.

"Indeed, we are," they replied.

They got their bags and tried to run towards their houses, but a tornado appeared right where they stood. They thought it was another mythical creature. But they were wrong.

A young man appeared from the tornado and tornado vanished in to the thin air.

## 9. Later

"Hi guys, I'm Henry, the god of friendship." said the man.

The god of friendship did some magic to prove that he was magical being.

"You have to face more mythical creatures," said the god.

"Ohhh," said the three friends.

"Don't worry. Don't be scared. I'll give you my magical eyeball, which is used as an amethyst ball/stone in our magical realm. It will show you which monsters will come next. I will



give you an instruction sheet, read it well, and use it."

"Thank you, uncle. Oh! Sorry, I meant Henry the god," said Betty.

"Don't call me God. I don't like that word. Just Henry is better," said Henry.

"Ok," the trio said.

"OK, I'm going, bye!" said Henry.

"Bye!" said the three friends at once.

Henry rose up to the sky slowly and faded away.

"Then time to go home, bye, good night," said Betty.

"Bye, good night," said Andy and Charlie.

They split up and went to their homes.

# 10. The end

Next morning they woke up because they need to go school. Holiday was over. It went without being noticed. The new-year should start with a good thing. With happy moments... All of them faded because of the carnival experiences. The trio was listening to the new-year first morning assembly.

"...May lord fulfill all your new-year wishes and bring happiness, the greatest wealth to you... thank you!" said Principal.

Students scattered after the applauding.

Andy was thinking about something. Betty noticed it and asked what it is.

"My new year wish is to capture the next beast and bring happiness." Said Andy.

Although the three friends survived the terrible encounter, something was wrong. They saw monsters in their dreams, on beds, in toilets, at school, and everywhere. They were now scared of mythical creatures. If a person said there are no mythical creatures, they would probably say that the person is wrong. I think this is not the happy end you thought but stay tuned to see what happens next

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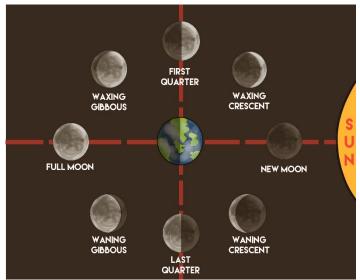
#1:- Full moon

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ndy, Betty and Charlie, the trio were at the school. This was the

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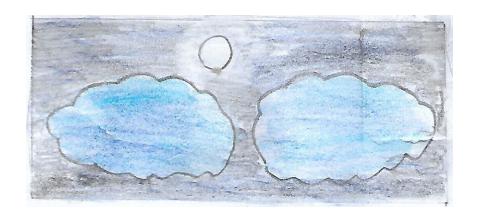
science period.



Waxing gibbous, waning gibbous, waxing crescent and waning crescent. You can understand its differences by observing this picture." Said the science teacher.

The science period (last period) was over. The trio went to the vehicle parking and got their bicycles and departed without talking as they haven't anything to talk about.

Andy went to his home. He looked at the sky. There is a fully illuminated lunar phase or the **FULL MOON**.....



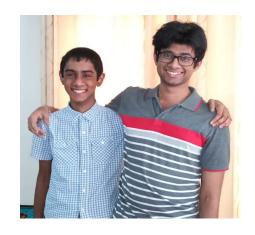
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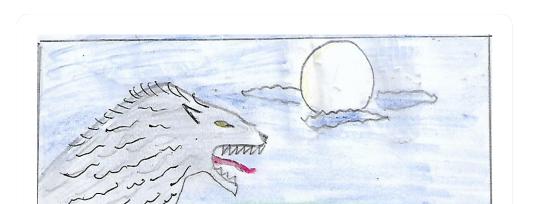


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# Next Book in Haunted tales

# Beware of werewolves.

Stay tuned...



THE PARENTS' ADVICES AREN'T WRONG...

"Come home before dark falls"

They are always right...

But these three children went in for their misfortune. Punjshments and traps awaits.

